# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

For deposit only in the
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OAKHAM, MASS.:
I. W. MULLETT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER,
1896.

# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1895.

TOWN CLERK,
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,
C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, H. P. AUSTIN.

ASSESSORS,
H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
JESSE ALLEN, JAMES PACKARD, W. M. ROBINSON.

COLLECTOR,
W. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER,
JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES,
C. H. PARKER, W. S. CRAWFORD, H. P. AUSTIN,
W. M. ROBINSON, W. R. DEAN.

AUDITOR,
F. S. CONANT.

FENCE VIEWERS,
JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

FIELD DRIVERS,
JAMES GAFFNEY, GEORGE ALLEN.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,
D. R. DEAN, D. M. PARKER, H. P. AUSTIN.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,
J. W. KNIGHT, W. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
MOSES O. AYRES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

# *Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the second day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustee and Cemetary Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the town will vote to repair the interior of Memorial Hall, and raise and appropriate money therefor or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XVIII.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate money sufficient to pay their proportional part of painting the Congregational Church and old town hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIX.—To see if the town will discontinue the road leading from the house of S. H. Bullard north to Barre line and also if they will vote to discontinue the road leading from the last named road and running westerly to the road leading from Oakham to Barre depot, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices and one at the Congregational Meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninty-six.

C. H. PARKER,
D. R. DEAN,
H. P. AUSTIN,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

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## APPROPRIATIONS.

### ESTIMATED FOR 1896–97.

| | |
|---|---|
| Contingent, | $800 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 200 00 |
| Paupers, | 800 00 |
| Street Lamps, | 50 00 |
| Salaries, | 300 00 |
| Schools, | 1,200 00 |
| Library, | 50 00 |
| Highways, | 1000 00 |
| Soldiers' Relief, | 100 00 |
| Opening Roads, | 300 00 |
| Repairs on School Houses, | 50 00 |

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the privilege of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1896:

## TOWN CLERK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town Clerk for services, | $22 80 | |
| express on books, | 5 85 | |
| postage and stationery, | 1 30 | $29 95 |

## COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Collector for services, | 75 00 | |
| postage and stationery, | 4 75 | |
| Collector's book, | 1 50 | |
| printing tax bills, | 2 00 | 83 25 |

## TREASURER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer for services, | | 25 00 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker, | 25 00 | |
| David R. Dean, | 25 00 | |
| H. P. Austin, | 25 00 | |
| postage and stationery, | 1 86 | 76 86 |

## ASSESSORS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln '94, | 40 75 | |
| H. W. Lincoln '95, | 32 00 | |
| S. H. Bullard, | 31 25 | |
| Wm. Gaffney, | 26 25 | 130 25 |

## AUDITOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Auditor for services, | | 15 00 |

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Overseers of Poor, | 731 26 | 731 26 |

## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid School Committee for support of schools, | | 1879 65 |

## STREET LIGHTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid E. Mullett, | 11 34 | |
| C. H. Parker for Coldbrook, | 11 02 | 22 36 |

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. A. Nye, repairs on Highways, | 998 31 | |
| Opening Roads, | 337 54 | 1335 85 |

## STATE AID.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Eliza Caldwell, | 48 00 | |
| H. M. Green, | 36 00 | |
| Geo. E. Reed, | 15 00 | |
| M. J. Kennen, | 50 00 | |
| Owen Carroll, | 24 00 | 173 00 |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Geo. E. Reed, | | |
| Paid A. B. Ware, watching, | 82 25 | |
| J. A. Pierce, coal, | 5 02 | |
| N. W. Packard, meat, | 5 70 | |
| H. M. Green, watching, | 7 00 | |
| Phylena Dwelly, care, | 40 00 | |
| D. J. Pratt, medicines, | 8 25 | |
| Dr. E. L. Sawyer, services, | 112 00 | |
| C. H. Parker & Son., groceries, | 38 52 | 298 74 |

## PAINTING MEMORIAL HALL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid F. S. Conant, 550 lbs. lead, 5½c. per lb., | 30 25 | |
| 30 gals. oil, 57c per gal., | 17 10 | |
| freight, | 2 66 | |
| putty, | 08 | |
| lamp black, | 10 | |
| | 50 19 | |
| Less 2 per cent on lead, | 60 | |
| | 49 59 | |
| Paid W. C. Ayres, | 63 50 | 113 09 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid I. W. Mullett for Town Reports, | 17 00 | |
| Ballots for town meeting, | 11 00 | |
| I. W. Mullett for Special ballots, | 3 00 | |
| E. Mullett, ballot clerk, | 2 00 | |
| C. P. Hill, ballot clerk, | 4 00 | |
| C. Paquin, Jr., ballot clerk, | 2 00 | |
| D. O. Lovell, ballot clerk, | 4 00 | |
| L. P. Lovell, abatement on taxes, | 16 00 | |
| C. A. Gleason, ringing church bell, | 35 00 | |
| care of Memorial Hall, | 10 00 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Marble & Allen, State Highway survey, | 73 | 28 | |
| C. E. Rogers, printing, | 12 | 00 | |
| W. S. Crawford, repairing pump, | | 50 | |
| L. N. Haskell, wood for hall, | 6 | 00 | |
| P. McGreevy, wood for hall, | 20 | 00 | |
| H. P. Draper, Sheriff, | 7 | 28 | |
| W. E. Tarbell, Sheriff, | 13 | 95 | |
| James Packard, services as sexton, | 11 | 25 | |
| Principal and interest Worcester County Institute for Savings, | 1010 | 67 | |
| Interest to Commonwealth, | 60 | 00 | |
| Note to Commonwealth, | 1500 | 00 | |
| A. H. Prouty for returning births, | | 75 | |
| Discount on taxes, | 207 | 20 | |
| Public Library, | 50 | 00 | 3076 88 |
| Total, | | | 7991 14 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Town Officers, | $360 | 31 | |
| Support of Paupers, | 731 | 26 | |
| Schools, | 1879 | 65 | |
| Street Lights, | 22 | 36 | |
| Highways, | 998 | 31 | |
| Opening Roads, | 337 | 54 | |
| Soldiers' Relief, | 298 | 74 | |
| State Aid, | 173 | 00 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses, | 3076 | 88 | |
| Painting Memorial Hall, | 113 | 09 | 7991 14 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. H. PARKER,
D. R. DEAN,
H. P. AUSTIN,
Selectmen of Oakham.

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LIST OF JURORS, AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, O. D. Tottingham, Wm. S. Crawford, Jesse Allen, James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, Carlos P. Hill, W. C. Bliss, Henry D. Bullard, Mason S. Dean.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

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In account with the Town of Oakham.

DR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1895. | | |
| To Balance in Treasury, | $1993 65 | |
| Cash from J. W. Bemis, (Innholder's license,) | 1 00 | |
| " From B. P. Clark & M. C. Needham Co., (¾ license money,) | 975 00 | |
| " Borrowed Wor. Co. In. for Savings, 4 per cent, | 1000 00 | |
| " From School Supplies, | 6 17 | |
| " " Use of Hall, | 5 00 | |
| " " Fines returned, | 12 81 | |
| " " W. C. Ayres, (oil,) | 4 24 | |
| " " H. D. Bullard, (ashes,) | 2 25 | |
| " " New Braintree, (tuition,) | 5 00 | |
| " " D. M. Rixford, (tuition,) | 5 00 | |
| " " State, (High School tuition refunded,) | 15 00 | |
| " " State Corporation Tax, | 8 57 | |
| " " " National Bank Tax, | 4 98 | |
| " " " State Aid Refunded, | 134 00 | |
| " " " School Fund, | 435 35 | |
| " " County Dog Fund, | 164 50 | |
| " " Interest on Bank Deposits, | 17 87 | |
| " " Interest on Taxes, | 42 25 | |
| " " Town Tax, | 5606 03 | 10,438 67 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By paying Selectmen's Orders, | 7991 14 | |
| Uncollected taxes, 1894, | 49 18 | |
| " " 1895, | 1457 05 | |
| Cash Balance, | 941 30 | 10,438 67 |

For the first time in more than thirty-five years, Oakham is free from debt, the last note of $1500 having been paid Dec. 31, 1895.

At the close of the War of the Rebellion, the town debt amounted to about $8000.

A few years after, five per cent of the town's valuation was taken in the stock of the Mass. Cen. R. R. amounting to $17,500.

The following figures, showing the amount of interest paid annually by the town from 1860 to 1896, may prove an INTERESTING and perhaps PROFITABLE object lesson.

| Year. | Amount. |
|---|---|
| 1860, | $114 00 |
| 1861, | 128 12 |
| 1862, | 288 00 |
| 1863, | 344 81 |
| 1864, | 400 00 |
| 1865, | 500 00 |
| 1866, | 600 00 |
| 1867, | 606 87 |
| 1868, | 526 31 |
| 1869, | 500 00 |
| 1870, | 441 42 |
| 1871, | 600 00 |
| 1872, | 586 79 |
| 1873, | 983 67 |
| 1874, | 1502 59 |
| 1875, | 1653 31 |
| 1876, | 1658 80 |
| 1877, | 1514 04 |
| 1878, | 1523 42 |
| 1879, | 1374 00 |
| 1880, | 1262 50 |
| 1881, | 1197 50 |
| 1882, | 1137 50 |
| 1883, | 1137 50 |
| 1884, | 1137 50 |
| 1885, | 1137 50 |
| 1886, | 1140 28 |
| 1887, | 910 00 |
| 1888, | 628 75 |
| 1889, | 330 25 |
| 1890, | 341 99 |
| 1891, | 261 80 |
| 1892, | 256 25 |
| 1893, | 184 31 |
| 1894, | 125 42 |
| 1895, | 95 80 |
| 1896, | 70 67 |
| Total Amount, | $27,101 67 |

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Taxes committed for Collection, 1895: | | |
| State Tax, | $210 00 | |
| County Tax, | 327 00 | |
| Town Tax, | 5606 03 | |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1894, | 1293 15 | |
| Interest on Taxes, | 42 25 | 7478 43 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, | 210 00 | |
| County Tax, | 327 00 | |
| Treasurer's Receipts, | 5435 20 | |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1894, | 49 18 | |
| " " 1895, | 1457 05 | 7478 43 |

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. S. CRAWFORD, Collector.

# *Report of the Superintendent of Streets.*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1896.

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## For Repairing Highway.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid W. A. Nye, | $406 | 33 | |
| Edwin Green, | 127 | 99 | |
| S. F. Woodis, | 71 | 29 | |
| Wallace Grimes, | 57 | 81 | |
| Henry Fobes, | 111 | 07 | |
| Sylvester Haskell, | 103 | 95 | |
| F. D. Russell, | 3 | 15 | |
| Elias Swindle, | 3 | 50 | |
| John Keep, | 9 | 17 | |
| Newton J. Green, | 18 | 89 | |
| Patrick Cummings, | 3 | 14 | |
| A. B. Spooner, | 2 | 45 | |
| Patrick McGreevy, | 5 | 77 | |
| H. D. Bullard, | 24 | 66 | |
| Albert Hapgood, | 7 | 35 | |
| Geo. E. Allen, | 8 | 50 | |
| D. M. Parker, | 15 | 40 | |
| C. H. Parker, | 4 | 20 | |
| D. R. Dean, | 8 | 14 | |
| A. & F. Loring, | 5 | 55 | 998 31 |

## Opening Roads.

1894–5.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid W. A. Nye, | $19 | 17 | |
| E. Green, | 4 | 61 | |
| S. F. Woodis, | 2 | 53 | |
| John Keep, | 33 | 40 | |
| James Gaffney, | 22 | 29 | |
| John Gaffney, | 10 | 19 | |
| Walter Bullard, | 12 | 95 | |
| E. Davenport, | 4 | 90 | |
| Wm. Gaffney, | 11 | 87 | |
| Patrick King, | 26 | 42 | |
| Justin E. Rawson, | 7 | 17 | |
| S. J. Foster, | 2 | 01 | |
| Peter White, | 13 | 30 | |
| Geo. Allen, | 1 | 33 | |
| Elmer Allen, | 1 | 40 | |
| Patrick McGreevy, | 3 | 85 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid W. M. Robinson, | 3 | 80 | |
| Patrick Cummings, | 2 | 36 | |
| Chas. L. Clark, | 1 | 58 | |
| Lyman Green, | 1 | 05 | |
| Patrick Moran, | 2 | 10 | |
| H. A. Crawford, | 13 | 47 | |
| G. W. Stone, | 13 | 43 | |
| L. H. Sargeant, | | 26 | |
| Albert Hapgood, | | 62 | |
| Leon Hapgood, | 1 | 09 | |
| Edson Hapgood, | 2 | 27 | |
| Mrs. A. Maynard, | 4 | 37 | |
| J. P. Fairbank, | 1 | 92 | |
| J. W. Revane, | 2 | 10 | |
| F. R. & F. D. Russell, | 2 | 10 | |
| Geo. Clark, | | 35 | |
| W. Chagnon, | 5 | 95 | |
| M. M. Butterfield, | 8 | 85 | |
| John Gilboy, | 21 | 22 | |
| H. D. Bullard, | 2 | 45 | |
| Geo. N. Briggs, | 7 | 05 | |
| Dennis Leyden, | 2 | 01 | |
| H. W. Lincoln, | 4 | 23 | |
| Wm. C. Crawford, | 3 | 94 | |
| A. B. Spooner, | 4 | 20 | |
| J. C. Rutherford, | 1 | 92 | |
| B. Banks, | 6 | 45 | |
| E. Mullett, | 5 | 63 | |
| C. S. Clifford, | 3 | 58 | |
| L. N. Haskell, | 3 | 58 | |
| James Sheern, | 2 | 89 | |
| Elias Swindle, | 1 | 40 | |
| A. D. White, | 4 | 99 | |
| J. E. Stone, | 5 | 90 | |
| Waldo Knight, | 1 | 75 | |
| Lester Knight, | 2 | 14 | |
| Clifford Knight, | 1 | 75 | |
| Albert Ware, | | 44 | |
| Fred Hatstat, | 1 | 40 | |
| A. C. Morse, | 1 | 56 | |
| Samuel Dean, | | 88 | |
| John Bowen, | 1 | 12 | 337 54 |

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

# *Report of the Overseers of the Poor.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Poor Farm Association, | $182 00 |
| For support of Lydia Chamberlain, | 35 00 |
| " " Almira Woodis, | 52 00 |
| " " Mrs. Charles Burt, | 52 00 |
| " " Mrs. L. M. Lloyd, | 34 93 |
| " " Family of George Thresher, | 236 48 |
| " " Ambrose P. Hall, | 58 35 |
| " Burial of George Ash, | 2 00 |
| " Keeping 125 tramps, | 30 25 |
| Jesse Allen, 13 journeys to Poor Farm, | 32 50 |
| Jesse Allen, general service, | 5 00 |
| James Packard, general service, | 5 00 |
| Walter M. Robinson, general service, | 5 00 |
| Postage and stationery, | 75 |
| | $731 26 |

PERSONS AND FAMILIES AIDED BY THE TOWN:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Miss Eunice Walker, | Aged | 70 |
| Miss Lydia Chamberlain, | " | 51 |
| Miss Almira Woodis, | " | 66 |
| Mrs. Charles Burt, | " | 84 |
| Mrs. L. B. Field, | " | 71 |
| Ambrose P. Hall, | " | 71 |
| Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd. | | |
| Family of George Thresher. | | |

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
JAMES PACKARD,
WALTER M. ROBINSON, } Overseers of the Poor.

# SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1896.

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Respectfully submitted by the Board of Management.

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT.

| Name. | Settlement. | Age. | Began. | Period of Support. | No. Days. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Martha Parker, | Holden, | 57, | April 1, 1890. | Continues. | 365 |
| Lizzie Kenny, | " | 39, | April 1, 1890. | " | 365 |
| Nahum S. Newton, | " | 65, | Dec. 24, 1891. | " | 365 |
| Peter King, | " | 78, | April 26, 1893. | " | 365 |
| Patrick Doyle, | " | 81, | Nov. 1, 1892. | Died Oct. 8. | 250 |
| | | | | | 1710 |
| Nancy Boynton, | Hubbardston, | 57, | Apr. 1, '90. | Continues. | 365 |
| David Rice, | " | 77, | Apr. 1, '91. | " | 365 |
| Moses Clark, | " | 18, | May 26, '91. | " | 365 |
| Mary W. Whitney, | " | 16, | Dec. 18, '94. | " | 365 |
| Elbridge G. Thatcher, | " | 78, | Aug. 5, '92. | Died May 17. | 106 |
| Joseph Granger, | " | 79, | Jan. 23, '96. | Continues. | 8 |
| Henry Clark, | " | 16, | Dec. 16, '95. | " | 46 |
| *Minnie Whitney, | " | 1 y., 10 mos. | Dec. 18, '94. | " | 152 |
| †Maria Whitney, | " | 55, | Dec. 18, '94. | Left Sept 17. | 104 |
| Mary LaCross, | " | 45, | May 11, '95. | Left May 14. | 3 |
| Nellie LaCross, | " | 11, | May 11, '65. | Left May 14. | 3 |
| Katie LaCross, | " | 9, | May 11, '95. | Left May 14. | 3 |
| Mamie LaCross, | " | 5, | May 11, '95. | Left May 14. | 3 |
| Case LaCross, | " | 3, | May 11, '95. | Left May 14. | 3 |
| John Wilson, | " | 59, | Dec. 27, '95. | Continues. | 35 |
| | | | | | 1926 |
| Eunice Walker, | Oakham, | 70, | April 1, 1892. | Continues. | 365 |
| Lavina B. Field, | " | 71, | Oct. 31, 1894. | " | 365 |
| | | | | | 730 |

*A charge of one-half price after one year old.
†Away 125 days.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rosa Roen, | Rutland, | 57, | July 22, 1893. | Continues. | 365 |
| Louisa Smith, | " | 65, | March 6, 1894. | " | 365 |
| Austin Preston, | " | 54, | Jan. 1, 1894. | " | 365 |
| Elizabeth Demond, | " | 76, | May 6, 1895. | " | 270 |
| Louisa B. Clark, | " | 43, | Nov. 19, 1895. | " | 73 |
| *Ernest E. Clark, | " | 4, | Nov. 19, 1895. | Left Jan. 16. | 29 |
| *William W. Clark, | " | 2, | Nov. 19, 1895. | Left Jan. 16. | 29 |
| Fred W. Clark, | " | 19, | Jan. 6, 1896. | Continues. | 25 |
| John Kelley, | " | 35, | Jan. 16, 1896. | Continues. | 15 |
| | | | | | 1536 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Baker, | Westminster, | 77, | Apr. 1, '92. | Died Apr. 14. | 73 |
| Adaline Eager, | " | 55, | Apr. 1, '92. | Continues. | 365 |
| Margaret Cronin, | " | 52, | Apr. 1, '92. | " | 365 |
| Sarah Blake, | " | 57, | Jan. 24, '95. | Left Mar. 8. | 36 |
| †Louisa Carter, | " | 65, | Aug. 22, '95. | Continues. | 147 |
| | | | | | 986 |

Whole number of inmates, 36. Died, 3.
Left the institution, 9. Remaining, 24.
Total days board furnished, 6888 or 984 weeks.
Average weekly number, 18 12–13.

Handel Winship of Westminster has been a boarder throughout the year, and Miss Lois Brown has served as nurse for her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland since her coming to the Institution.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For milk sold, | $903 14 | |
| Stock, | 215 97 | |
| Eggs and poultry, | 46 93 | |
| Vegetables, | 86 55 | |
| Handel Winship's board, | 156 00 | |
| Due for Handel Winship's board, | 52 00 | |
| " " January milk, | 72 52 | 1533 11 |

EXPENSES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Warden's and Matron's Salary, | $508 40 |
| Outside Labor, | 198 95 |

*A charge of one-half price.
†Away 15 days.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Inside labor, | 144 50 | |
| Groceries, | 578 20 | |
| Meats, | 318 07 | |
| Grain, | 530 48 | |
| Dry goods and clothing, | 183 69 | |
| Furniture, | 93 92 | |
| Boots and shoes, | 31 21 | |
| Fish, | 26 82 | |
| Ice, | 11 40 | |
| Medical Attendance, | 66 00 | |
| Medicine, | 13 91 | |
| Sundries, | 113 87 | |
| Blacksmithing and repairs, | 29 37 | |
| Stock, 6 cows, | 323 00 | |
| Pigs, | 12 00 | |
| Fowls, | 27 00 | |
| Fire Extinguishers, | 5 00 | |
| Fertilizers, | 118 29 | |
| Democrat wagon, | 65 00 | |
| Corn Planter, | 22 00 | |
| Wood, | 40 00 | |
| Lumber, | 14 25 | |
| Rent, | 200 00 | |
| Interest on personal property, | 120 99 | |
| | | $3796 32 |
| Deducting receipts, | | 1533 11 |
| Balance being net expense, | | $2263 21 |

Cost of board per week for each inmate, $2.30.

THE EXPENSE TO EACH TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Holden, | $561 86 | |
| Hubbardston, | 632 83 | |
| Oakham, | 239 86 | |
| Rutland, | 504 69 | |
| Westminster, | 323 97 | |
| | | $2263 21 |

Paxton, nothing

THE FOLLOWING TABLE MAY BE OF INTEREST:

| | Number of Inmates. | Weekly Average. | Total No. Weeks. | Cost per Week. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| First year, | 12 | 7.7–26 | 377.5–7 | $2.875 |
| Second year, | 16 | 11.7–26 | 586 | 2.243 plus. |
| Third year, | 26 | 21.25–26 | 1142 | 1.959 plus. |
| *Fourth year, | 30 | 22.37–306 | 967 | 2.232 plus. |
| Fifth year, | 30 | 18.89 plus. | 982.2–7 | 2.545 |
| Sixth year, | 36 | 18.12–13 | 984 | 2.30 |

* Ten months.

Only three inmates have answered to the final summons during the past year, and the health of the others has been as good as could be expected, they have been well provided for and kindly treated by the Warden and Matron. The returns from the farm have been good. Six cows have been purchased to replace those which it had become unprofitable to longer retain. Paxton has again been fortunate in having no one to provide for at the Almshouse. Hon. F. S Coolidge of Fitchburg repeated his generous donation of last year, by again providing an elaborate turkey dinner for Christmas.

HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINSTER, President,
JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM, Secretary,
F. S. HOLT, HOLDEN, Treasurer,
JOHN ADAMS, HUBBARDSTON,
HENRY A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,
HENRY H. PIKE, PAXTON,

*Board of Management.*

# FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Whole number of books Feb. 1, 1895, | 772 |
| Additions during the year, | 12 |
| Present number of books, | 784 |

The Library has enjoyed a prosperous year, and has been well patronized.

The "Dramatic Club" has given an entertainment for its benefit. With the funds now on hand, quite an addition of new books will soon be made. Several valuable new books have been contributed to the Library within the year.

Largest number of books taken out in one day, 50.
Number of books taken out during year, 1526.
Number of persons taking out books, 139.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| Annual Appropriation, | $50 00 |
| From Dramatic Club, | 10 42 |
| Fines and sale of catalogues, | 3 98 |
| Balance on hand, | 3 74 |
| | $68 14 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| Paid for care of Library, | $25 00 |
| Paid for express, | 80 |
| Paid for books, | 1 00 |
| Paid for exchange of books, (Coldbrook,) | 9 00 |
| To balance on hand, | 32 34 |
| | $68 14 |

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, }
M. L. WOODIS, } Trustees.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

For the year ending March 1, 1896.

Our schools have, for the most part, enjoyed a prosperous year. Good health has prevailed throughout the town, no child having died within the year.

All the school buildings have been painted and other needed repairs made, and are now in good condition. School attendance has been generally good. As the law, requiring school attendance, does not seem to be generally understood, we quote the following extract:

"Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks time for absences not excused by the Superintendent of Schools, or the School Committee, and for every neglect of such duty, the person offending shall, upon the complaint of the School Committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars. But if such child has attended for a like period, a private day school, approved by the School Committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time, in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties shall not be incurred."

By the law of 1895, "in the smaller towns of the State, not maintaining a High School, the tuition of all scholars attending High Schools in adjoining towns, will be paid by the town, on application of parents or guardians, and refunded to the town by the State."

An excellent law. Several of our youth are already taking advantage of it.

For the guidance of teachers and scholars, the following "Course of Study" has been adopted:

# COURSE OF STUDY.

## FIRST YEAR.

Reading from Chart, Blackboard and Primer. First Lessons in Number Work. Writing. Spelling and Drawing.

## SECOND YEAR.

Reading from First Reader and Chart. Number Work. Writing. Spelling Drawing and Music.

## THIRD YEAR.

Reading from Second Reader, with Supplementary Reading. Greenleaf's 1st Lessons in Numbers. Writing. Spelling. Drawing and Music.

## FOURTH YEAR.

Reading from Third Reader, with Supplementary Reading. Greenleaf's First Lessons in Numbers completed. First Lessons in Written Arithmetic. Primary Geography. Writing. Spelling. Drawing and Music.

## FIFTH YEAR.

Reading, Third Reader completed, with Supplementary Reading. Greenleaf's Intellectual Arithmetic, and Written Arithmetic to fractions. Writing. Spelling, oral and written. Language Lessons. Hygiene for Young People. Drawing and Music.

## SIXTH YEAR.

Reading, Fourth Reader. Greenleaf's Written and Intellectual Arithmetic. Metcalf's Grammar. Warren's Common School Geography. Writing and Map Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

## SEVENTH YEAR.

Reading Fourth Reader, with Supplementary reading. Greenleaf's Written and Intellectual Arithmetic. Grammar. Warren's Geography. U. S. History. Writing and Map Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

## EIGHTH YEAR.

Reading Fifth Reader with Supplementary reading. Greenleaf's Written Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. U. S. History. Physiology. Writing. Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

NINTH YEAR.

Reading Fifth Reader with Supplementary reading. Written Arithmetic completed. Grammar, analysis and parsing. Geography. History. Physiology. Writing. Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

The evil effects of narcotics and stimulants shall be taught through the Course, as directed by law of the State.

Algebra, Book-keeping, Physical Geography, and other studies may be pursued, at the option of the School Committee.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To amount of appropriation, including transportation, | $1200 00 |
| " For repairing School-houses, | 100 00 |
| Received State School Fund, | 435 35 |
| " Dog tax refunded, | 164 50 |
| " Cash for school supplies, | 6 17 |
| " From D. M. Rixford, tuition, | 5 00 |
| " " Town of New Braintree, tuition, | 5 00 |
| " " the State, High school tuition refunded, | 15 00 |
| | $1931 02 |

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By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

#### CENTER SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid Miss Mary Anderson, spring term, | $90 00 |
| " " " Eva B. Banister, } fall term, | 9 00 |
| " " " Estelle M. Curtis, } fall term, | 70 00 |
| " " " Maria L. Lincoln, } fall term, | 20 00 |
| " " " Jeanette Talbot, winter term, | 90 00 |
| | $279 00 |

#### CENTER SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid Miss F. I. Sargeant, spring term, | $70 00 |
| " " " " " fall term, | 70 00 |
| " " " " " winter term, | 70 00 |
| | $210 00 |
| Fuel, | 74 00 |
| Care of Furnace, | 18 30 |
| Total expense of Center Schools, | $581 30 |

## COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid Miss May L. Kennon, spring term, | $80 00 |
| " " " Alice R. Walker, fall term, | 80 00 |
| " " " Mary A. Sargent, winter term, | 80 00 |
| Fuel, | 15 00 |
| Care of house, | 9 75 |
| | $264 75 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term, | $65 00 |
| " " " " " fall term, | 65 00 |
| " " " " " winter term, | 70 00 |
| Fuel, | 9 00 |
| Care of house, | 8 00 |
| | $217 00 |

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid Miss Fannie E. Robinson, spring term, | $60 00 |
| " " " Minnie G. Dean, fall term, | 60 00 |
| " " " " " winter term, | 60 00 |
| Fuel, | 7 50 |
| Care of house, | 7 50 |
| | $195 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Town of Barre, High School tuition, | | 40 00 |
| Paid for transportation of scholars, | | 90 20 |
| " " repairs on school houses, | | 185 04 |
| " " Supervision, Jesse Allen, | $49 00 | 104 85 |
| W. M. Robinson, | 38 85 | |
| M. L. Woodis, | 17 00 | |
| " " School supplies, | | 201 51 |
| Total expense of schools, | | $1879 65 |

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Value on hand, March 1, 1896, | $137 12 |
| " " " March 1, 1895, | 133 95 |

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows:

## CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spring Term, whole number, | 22. | Average attendance, | 20 |
| Fall " " " | 28. | " " | 26 |
| Winter " " " | 29. | " " | 20 |

## CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spring Term, whole number, | 33. | Average attendance, | 29 |
| Fall " " " | 32. | " " | 29 |
| Winter " " " | 30. | " " | 28 |

## COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spring Term, whole number, | 28. | Average attendance, | 25 |
| Fall " " " | 27. | " " | 22 |
| Winter " " " | 24. | " " | 20 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spring Term, whole number, | 22. | Average attendance, | 13 |
| Fall " " " | 18. | " " | 15 |
| Winter " " " | 16. | " " | 15 |

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spring Term, whole number, | 18. | Average attendance, | 16 |
| Fall " " " | 18. | " " | 16 |
| Winter " " " | 17. | " " | 15 |

## ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spring Term, whole number, | 116. | Average attendance, | 103 |
| Fall " " " | 119. | " " | 108 |
| Winter " " " | 116. | " " | 98 |

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 138.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

### CENTRE SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS.—James Allen, Alice Allen, A. Leroy Burt, Robert Briggs, Henry Grimes, Joseph Swindell, A. Wayne Marsh, Florine Lincoln, Ada Carlow, Mildred Burt, Eva Allen.

TWO TERMS.—Susie Gleason, Edith Clifford, Clement Ayres, David Robinson, Clarence Grimes, Eva Grimes, Birdie Carlow, Alice Loring, Jennie Sheern, Mary McGrevey.

ONE TERM.—Carrie Ware, Sadie Packard, May Ayres, Edith Bartlett, Eva Stone, Lila Hillier, Cathie Bullard, Ida Crawford, Mamie Ware, May Twohy, Mabel Conant, Kimball Packard, Edna Marsh, Ernest Reed, Sylvester Dean, Irna Clifford.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

Three Terms.—Alice Dwelly, Robert Dwelly, Cora Roper, Henry Roper..

Two Terms.—Amy Cleveland, Walter Cleveland, Lucy Roper, Flora Gueley, Nellie Gueley, John Dwelly.

One Term.—Charlie Cleveland, William Hallowell, George Hallowell, Arthur Sanders, Leroy Sanders.

## COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Two Terms.—Maud Caldwell, William Tangley.

One Term.—Mary Strong, Mildred Bliss, Henry Butterfield, Maud Parker, Edward Bliss.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Three Terms.—Stella L. Wyman.

Two Terms.—Nellie M. Thrasher, Willie Bullard, Milton Bullard.

One Term.—Eddie Bullard, Helen Cummings, Minnie Bullard, Walter McClenathan.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
M. L. WOODIS,
HORACE W. LINCOLN, } School Committee.

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This is to certify that I have examined and approved all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury for the year ending March 1st, 1896. Have also examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Superintendent of Streets, Library Trustees, and Collector of Taxes, and have found them to be correct.

F. S. CONANT, Auditor.

# *Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1895.*

## BIRTHS.

Apr. 3 . . . . . Daughter to John Keep.
May 24 . . . . . Son to William Gaffney.
May 26 . . . . . Daughter to Charles S. Clifford.
June 22 . . . . . Daughter to Edmund Cody.
July 29 . . . . . Son to Clifford Rutherford.
Sept. 26 . . . . . Son to Elmer R. Allen.
Sept. 30 . . . . . Daughter to George L. Parker.
Oct. 8 . . . . . Daughter to James Scott.
Nov. 21 . . . . . Son to Walter M. Robinson.

## MARRIAGES.

Apr. 24 . . . . . Charles O. Cowan to Gertie A. Parker.
Dec. 24 . . . . . Thomas Winter to Mrs. Roxana Knights.

## DEATHS.

| | | YEARS. | MONTHS. | DAYS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 1 . . . . . | Mrs. Nancy Woodis, | 72 | 11 | 1 |
| Apr. 1 . . . . . | Peter Ducette, | 74 | 5 | 25 |
| May 14 . . . . . | George E. Reed, | 61 | 7 | 26 |
| May 31 . . . . . | Edwin N. Hunt, | 60 | 5 | 17 |
| Oct. 11 . . . . . | Mrs. Adeline F. Barber, | 67 | 3 | 14 |
| Oct. 15 . . . . . | Luther Dean, | 81 | 3 | 25 |
| Dec. 16 . . . . . | Moses O. Ayres, | 69 | 4 | 25 |

Average age nearly 70 years.

JESSE ALLEN, Town Clerk.